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Summary: The discussion group will delve into topics such as locally versus nonlocally grown food, consumption and waste, and organic versus nonorganic.

(September 23, 2010)-The University of Minnesota, Morris (UMM) will host its first monthly Soup & Substance of the fall semester in the Student Center's Alumni Room on campus on Thursday, September 30, 2010, at 6 p.m. The event provides an open forum for members of Stevens County and UMM communities to discuss issues of local, national, and international importance. The September edition will focus on the issue of food ethics.

Soup & Substance pairs a delicious free meal with a meaningful discussion. This event is open to all who wish to share their opinions and experiences. The September Soup & Substance will delve into topics such as locally versus nonlocally grown food, consumption and waste, organic versus nonorganic, and other ethical dilemmas and issues regarding food today.

"Let's face it, as soon as we get our grumbling stomachs down to the Dining Hall, wait in line, patiently (or not so patiently) get our U-Cards checked, and enter yet another line (good luck to those who want stir-fry), we don't even care where or how our food got to us—we want it now," said Maria Fleck, first-year UMM student who is co-organizing the forum. "Yet, it's actually something we should think about."

The Office of Community Engagement and the Movement for Animal Rights by Concerned Humans (MARCH) will host the event, with participation from other groups and people of the UMM and Stevens County communities.

Everyone is welcome to join the discussion and enjoy a free meal.

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